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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2003–04 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 77

Introduced by Assembly Member La Suer
(Principal coauthor: Senator Hollingsworth)
(Coauthor: Senator Morrow)

December 23, 2002

An act to amend Section 170048 of the Public Utilities Code, relating to airports.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 77, as amended, La Suer. San Diego County Regional Airport Authority.

Existing

(1) *Existing* law provides that the San Diego County Regional Airport Authority has exclusive responsibility within its area of jurisdiction to study, plan, and implement any improvements, expansions, or enhancements at existing and future airports within its control.

This bill would ~~exclude the sphere of influence of the unincorporated community of San Diego County known as Ramona from the authority's exclusive responsibilities to study, plan, and implement any improvements, expansion, or enhancements at existing or future airports~~ *require the authority to establish siting criteria that include the policies, standards, and criteria adopted by the Federal Aviation Administration for airport development and noise for international*

airports, prior to designating potential airport sites, thereby imposing a state-mandated local program.

(2) *The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.*

This bill would provide that no reimbursement is required by this act for a specified reason.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: ~~no~~ yes. State-mandated local program: ~~no~~ yes.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 170048 of the Public Utilities Code is
 2 amended to read:
 3 170048. (a) The authority shall have the exclusive
 4 responsibility within its area of its jurisdiction, ~~except within the~~
 5 ~~sphere of influence of the unincorporated community of San~~
 6 ~~Diego County known as Ramona jurisdiction~~, to study, plan, and
 7 implement any improvements, expansion, or enhancements at
 8 existing or future airports within its control.
 9 (b) *The authority shall establish siting criteria that include all*
 10 *of the policies, standards, and criteria adopted by the Federal*
 11 *Aviation Administration for airport development and noise for*
 12 *international airports pursuant to Chapter 471 (commencing with*
 13 *Section 47101) of Title 49 of the United States Code, prior to*
 14 *designating potential airport sites within its area of jurisdiction.*
 15 (c) The authority may commission planning, engineering,
 16 economic, and other studies to provide information to the board for
 17 making decisions about the location, design, management, and
 18 other features of future airports.
 19 ~~(e)~~
 20 (d) The San Diego Association of Governments, or its
 21 successor, shall cooperate with the authority to include all airport
 22 system plans and facilities selected by the authority in the regional
 23 transportation plan consistent with state and federal law.
 24 ~~(d)~~
 25 (e) (1) Not later than March 1, 2002, the San Diego
 26 Association of Governments and the port shall transfer and assign
 27 to the authority all contracts in force for studying possible sites for

1 an airport, the economic viability and impact of an airport, the
2 environmental consequences of an airport, public opinion or
3 attitudes regarding an airport's location, and any other contracts
4 related to the location and development of an airport in the County
5 of San Diego.

6 (2) The contracts described in paragraph (1) shall include, but
7 need not be limited to, the contracts associated with the Joint
8 Aviation Advisory Committee.

9 (3) The transfer of contracts required under this subdivision
10 shall include the contemporaneous transfer of revenue from state
11 or federal grants, local funds, and other sources of revenue
12 committed to funding the contracts until their completion. The
13 authority shall accept all obligations, as well as all rights, included
14 in the transferred contracts.

15 ~~(e)–~~

16 (f) The policy direction for the study described in subdivision
17 (d) shall become the responsibility of the authority. The authority
18 shall consider the concepts and ideas of the San Diego Association
19 of Governments, the port, and other entities, both public and
20 private.

21 ~~(f)–~~

22 (g) The authority may continue the Joint Aviation Advisory
23 Committee to assist in conducting the analyses for determining a
24 site for a new airport.

25 ~~(g)–~~

26 (h) The authority, the San Diego Association of Governments,
27 local agencies, and the Department of Transportation shall
28 cooperate to develop effective surface transportation access to new
29 and existing airports.

30 ~~(h)–~~

31 (i) The authority shall adopt a comprehensive plan on the future
32 development of San Diego's regional international airport. In
33 developing its plan, the authority shall review all options of
34 alternative sites, including, but not limited to, expansion of the
35 existing airport site, use of current military installations that may
36 become available for civilian or mix-use, and other development
37 options available to address future airport needs. The authority
38 shall submit the particular site recommendation in the form of a
39 local ballot proposition to the San Diego County Registrar of

1 Voters for placement on either the November 2, 2004, or the
2 November 7, 2006, countywide election ballot.

3 *SEC. 2. No reimbursement is required by this act pursuant to*
4 *Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California Constitution because*
5 *a local agency or school district has the authority to levy service*
6 *charges, fees, or assessments sufficient to pay for the program or*
7 *level of service mandated by this act, within the meaning of Section*
8 *17556 of the Government Code.*

